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## A BRAVE FIGHT FAIRLY WON.

The New York Herald has just rendered a signal service to the city of its publication and to the citizens thereof. Indeed, its services are even more far-reaching than the narrow limits of Manhattan Island. Their good effect will be felt directly and indirectly in every city and county of all this broad Union, for those services make for good government everywhere.

It seems that the Sheriff of New York County, which, territorially, is coextensive with New York city, and his deputies have for a long time systematically robbed the city and the prisoners in their charge by the exaction of illegal and extortionate fees of all kinds. Early in this month the *Herald* determined, in the interest of good government and the honest administration of the law, to expose and, if possible, uproot these flagrant and dishonest abuses. That it has done so is plainly evidenced in the presentment the grand jury made on Tuesday last in which it arraigned the management of the city and county jails in the most scathing terms.

Extortion, bribery and corruption met the investigators at every hand. From top to bottom the whole administration of the sheriff's office was shown to be shamefully corrupt. In one sweeping sentence the grand jury sums up the whole shameful story. It says:

Of its general management there is nothing to commend and much to denounce. The foreman in handling the presentment to the judge did so with a few explanatory words, eloquent with honest indignation. In conclusion he said:

As the matter now stands the sheriff's office is a standing disgrace to the city of New York and to the age in which it lives.

Copies of the presentment which so ably arraigns New York's official wrong-doers will be forwarded with all speed to the Governor and Legislature of the State, to the end that proper executive and legislative action may be taken.

The *Herald* bears itself well in its hour of vindication and victory. It takes credit to itself modestly and in good taste, and rejoices chiefly because the interests of the people have been promoted and a popular victory won.

## A FOOLISH PARAGRAPH.

In the absence of the big chief, Richard Croker, they don't know exactly which way to turn. In other words, this great American organization, which has been in existence for years, is compelled to come back from his health trip across the water to teach it what to do.—*Joe Howard in New York Press.*

That paragraph is in very bad taste. This country was carried through the Revolution by a financier who was of foreign birth. Our Secretary of the Treasury during the war of '12 was of foreign birth. It has been claimed with two of our Presidents were of foreign birth. Moreover, the *Press* was started by an editor who was of foreign birth, and some of its stockholders are of foreign birth. It should have more self-respect than to permit such a silly sneer, even though it be in "Howard's column."

## THAT MARYLAND DEFILATER.

The State Treasurer of Maryland is said to have hypothecated State securities to obtain private loans. The Comptroller learned the fact and communicated it to the Governor, who, in turn, laid the Comptroller's letter before the Legislature.

As usual in such cases the Treasurer, Stephenson Archer, belongs to an old and honored family, possessed much personal popularity, and was respected by all who knew him. He has served in Congress and has been three times State Treasurer, the present Legislature having re-elected him. He is 62 years old and a resident of Belair.

Yet even these circumstances hardly seem to warrant the ischymosous sympathy of our esteemed morning contemporary. When the Comptroller's letter was read in that body, according to this account, "members fell back in their seats speechless," and there were seen "strong men crying like children."

At the executive mansion "the Comptroller paced the floor and wrung his hands, and he could not control his feelings enough to give a clear statement." In short, according to this correspondent the legislators and executive officers of Maryland acted like a lot of hysterical women who discover a mouse in the room.

The affair is quite serious enough without making the officials, who will have to deal with it, appear ridiculous in the public eye. Without further particulars, we can only hope that the speechless members of the Legislature have recovered their voices, the crying members regained control of their larynx, and that the Comptroller has quit the vain wringing of his hands and that his "feelings" are so restored as to enable him to know what he is doing

and allow him to make a clear statement. It is no time for sentimentality, but for sharp, stern action.

A NEW JOURNALISTIC venture, bearing the suggestive title of April 1 and the lofty title of *The True Commonwealth*, is before us. It is edited by Dr. T. A. Bland, though his name does not appear as editor. It is a handsome sixteen page journal, of convenient size, printed on good paper. It is published monthly by a joint stock company, which professes to have "ample capital." Its purpose is the advocacy of what it is pleased to call the "New American School of Political Economy," which appears to be a mixture of German Socialism and French Communism dashed with Russian Nihilism. As might be expected, the crank publications in the District, such as the *National Economic Farmers' Alliance*, the *National Vice* (first money) and the *Woman's Tribune* (first male suffrage) are advertised. While the material, with Dr. Bland's personal success and would like to see him make a winning venture, we fancy he and his joint stock company will require an "ample capital" to float their *Commonwealth*.

SOME MEN CAN'T TURN AROUND IN FIVE MINUTES. Some Congressmen can't get ready to say anything in that brief time. Before one of these classes can get his talking apparatus, not to mention his thinking machinery, in working order, the rapid fall, the crash of fate—"the gentleman's time has expired"—are spoken and the gentleman falls back in his seat a crushed statesman. Not so with the late General Schenck. Of him Mr. Bland, himself a debater of rare ability, in his book said:

No man in Congress during the present generation has rivaled General Schenck as a five-minute debater. In the five-minute discussion in Committee of the Whole he was an intellectual marvel. The compactness and clearness of his statements, the facts and arguments which he could marshal in that brief time, were a constant delight and surprise to his hearers.

THE NEW ORLEANS *Times-Democrat* says with an air of astonishment:

The community with which Prince Bismarck received the defeat of the government combination in the recent elections to the Reichstag showed the politician quite as largely developed as the statesman in the Chancellor's makeup.

There has never yet been a successful statesman who was not quite as much a politician as a statesman. A man may be a politician without being a statesman, but he cannot be a statesman without being a politician.

THE HONORABLE (Texas) *Post* comes to us replete with a new dress of head to foot. The *Post* is one of the best papers published in Texas or the South. It is a well-written, carefully edited paper, and gives its readers all the news—local, State, domestic and foreign. The color and quality of the paper on which it is printed is admirable.

A GREAT SHIPBUILDING firm at Yarrow, England, has been building new furnaces and imported the bronze castings necessary from Philadelphia, the goods being delivered in Yarrow for a half penny a pound less than the same articles would cost if bought from an English firm. There's one industry which evidently needs no more protection.

CONGRESSMAN AMOS CUMMINGS tells of a member of the House who has never missed a roll call since the opening of Congress. The name is not given, so we guess it is Amos.—*Boston Herald.*

Yes; his duties as a syndicate newspaper correspondent require him to stick closely to his Congressional desk.

AFTER THE Mississippi floods had been raging for a week or two General Greely, the able head of the Signal Corps, warned the denizens of the Valley that there was danger of overflow. Yes, the weather end of the Signal Bureau had better be transferred to the Agricultural Department.

PERSONAL.  
England has got an oldest Free Mason. His name is William Salmon. He is a doctor and is 100 years old.

Frank B. Tracy, the son of the Secretary of the Navy, is an enthusiastic fisherman, and has a farm in Tingo County, N. Y.

A reception in honor of Admiral and Mrs. Kimberly was given by the New York Club, Boston, yesterday evening. Many distinguished guests were present, including the Governor and his family and officers in command of the Army and Navy departments of Boston and vicinity.

Jay Hubbell, the famous campaign fund raiser, is now a stout, bald-headed and spotted old gentleman. He has just given up his elaborate home in the copper region of Lake Superior, where he entertained as a prince every summer, and lives in Boston, which is headquarters for copper interests.

The Prince of Naples, heir apparent to the throne of Italy, will spend the coming summer in a tour of the European courts looking for a wife. The Prince is a dark, slender young man, and looking for a very delicate countenance. He hopes to be more successful in his matrimonial quest than was Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

Mr. Antoine, the Parisian manager, is about to build a theatre in Paris on a new plan. He says: "Whatever success any of our creations may obtain, we shall never play it more than a fortnight. It will be played a fortnight, whether the receipts are enormous or do not amount to a sou. At the end of that time other theatres may take up the piece and run it. If they consider that its success is far from being exhausted, in this way we should succeed in producing a great many places in the course of a year, and authors of talent will no longer be obliged to wait two, three or four years before securing a representation."

Emperor William has not prohibited dueling in the German army, as has been stated. But no duel is in the future to take place until there has been a thorough inquiry into all the circumstances by two colonels, who are to allow an encounter only if the provocation was a public assault, to which an apology has been refused, or when an insult has been offered to a lady who is a relation or the betrothed of the challenger. Under no circumstances, however, is a duel to be permitted when the quarrel has arisen out of a brawl in a public house, coffee house or any similar place; when one of the parties has already been "out" three times, or where one of the parties is a married man with children.

## HARRISON KIDS REED.

A Stormy Interview Between the President and the Speaker.  
The correspondent of the Philadelphia *Times* yesterday sent the following story to that paper:

Speaker Reed and President Harrison had an interesting interview this morning at the White House. Since the time when Reed and Harrison had their first meeting at the White House, the Speaker has given the President a very warm welcome. Accordingly when a messenger delivered a note bearing the seal of the Executive Mansion to Mr. Reed at the Shoreham this morning he was agreeably surprised.

The first thought that crossed his mind was that the President had concluded to offer the olive branch and in his mind's eye Reed rehearsed the dignified little speech with which he would accept the tribute to his greatness. He was so elated with his good fortune that he actually forgot to dig his hands into his trousers as he lounged unconsciously up the walk toward the White House. No flags were being out in his honor and through some oversight the Marine Band had not been notified and he was obliged to be content with the strains of the national anthem of the minnows whose duty it is to show visitors through the mansion.

Once inside the President's library this aspect changed. To Mr. Reed President Harrison explained Mr. Reed's position, and he received the great reformer with open arms. "Let's to business," was Mr. Reed's remark after the courtesies of the day had been exchanged, and the two men fell into a conversation of angry voices were heard in the corridor and it was reasonable to suppose that the expected olive branch had not quite come up to Mr. Reed's expectations.

It was a regular knock-down and drag-out sort of an argument. President Harrison realized that he had done Mr. Reed an injustice in refusing to appoint his friend as collector at Portland, and he was anxious to make amends. This sound pleasant to Speaker Reed and his grin of anticipation began to assume voluminous proportions. Reed admitted that he had been a little rather shabby in the matter, but the President was inclined to make amends he would accept the offer. What was he going to do for his favorite constituent?

The answer made the big Speaker gasp for breath. Mr. Harrison was going to give him a nice little Consulate where he could cut figs and enjoy himself generally at the expense of the Government. Did Mr. Reed like the prospect? A picture of the Speaker's face at that moment would have been a task to any one who could catch it. He informed the President as soon as he could control himself that he could reserve the Consulate for somebody else. He would have none of it. He wanted Mr. Harrison to distinctly understand that Speaker Thomas B. Reed was as big a man as either of the Senators from the State of Maine, and unless he received as much consideration as those two gentlemen President Harrison might regret his folly some day. Until he could be assured that his man would be offered a place equally as good as the Collectors of Portland he declined to have anything to do with the Chief Executive.

President Harrison actually shivered with the fragility of the atmosphere with which Mr. Reed enveloped himself and his "Good day, sir," fell from his lips in solid chunks of ice.

Mr. Reed was so engrossed with his unpleasant rebuttal that he failed to see that two fires went out as he passed them by the door. Senator Quay's expression of disgust was a smile of joy compared with Speaker Reed's countenance as he brooded over the fancied insult offered him. One fact is certain. It will take more than a collectorship to bridge over the unpleasantness existing between the President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

What Secretary Halford Says.  
"It does not take very long to dispose of that story," said Secretary Halford this morning. "Speaker Reed did not see the President, and hence there could not have been such an interview as is described in the *Times* article. I think that fact would be a great deal like what our old friend Waller calls 'proving an alibi.' Mr. Reed saw me yesterday to arrange for an interview with the President and I believe had one with him this morning."

What the Speaker Himself Says.  
The above story was shown to Speaker Reed and he was asked if there was any truth in it or foundation for it. His answer was emphatic:

"Not the slightest."

## THE "SMELLING" COMMITTEE.

Mr. Dolph Will Be Deserted by His Fellow Senators.  
The Dolph smelling committee is about to bring a report into the Senate which will review the testimony taken in the search for leaks through the executive session proceedings reach the public, says the Washington correspondent of the New York *Sun*. The committee has been quiet for the past two weeks, and it is intimated that inactivity is but the usual calm that precedes a storm. This is construed to mean that the committee has agreed upon a resolution declaring the newspaper correspondent who reveals such information and published a copy of the British extradition treaty to be in contempt. The Senate will be asked to place him under arrest until he shall divulge the names of the person or persons from whom he received the treaty.

From inquiry among the Senators it is learned that if such a resolution be brought into the Senate it will probably be defeated. The Senate has just defeated in this game before, and the older heads who remember how helpless they were in attempting to force men to reveal their private affairs are not anxious for a repetition of their experience.

Several years ago two correspondents were arrested for the very same offense that is causing the Dolph committee so much trouble. They were imprisoned for a long time, during which they lived on the fat of the land and had their salaries doubled. They still refused to give any information to the Senate, and were released because there was no compelling them to do so. Since that time a real estate dealer of Washington was arrested and imprisoned because he would not give up the contents of his safe. The chief trouble, however, is that he must make a show to compensate for the long and expensive investigation which he has carried on.

Early in the proceedings he found out that his friends were not with him, and he was released. He used the Government for \$25,000 damages, and got it. The Senators do not mean to allow Mr. Dolph to get them into another trap of this kind. The chief trouble, however, is that he must make a show to compensate for the long and expensive investigation which he has carried on.

Indeed it is.  
From the *Washington Journal*.  
Life is too short to waste much of it in humoring people who need clubbing.

truly in advance of its publication by the Senate. Mr. Dolph will be deserted by his colleagues, and nothing tangible will come of his elaborate investigation and more elaborate report.

## THE SOCIAL WORLD.

The marriage of Miss Margaret Blaine to Mr. Walter Damprock of New York, took place in this city April 17. The ceremony will be very quiet, and with the exception of the President and Mrs. Harrison and the Cabinet families the number of those present will be limited to a few of the most intimate friends of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie will come to Washington for the important event, as it was during a trip abroad with them several years since, while on their famous coaching trip, that Miss Blaine first met her fiancé.

Mrs. and Miss Seward have issued invitations for a tea to-morrow afternoon. A pleasant event of last evening was the reception at the Shoreham given by Mrs. Thurber in honor of Professor Paine of Harvard who, with Mrs. Paine, Mrs. Nathan Goddard of New York, Mrs. Charles Gibson and the young ladies who had taken part in the concert of American composers, assisted the hostess in receiving. Mr. Van Der Stucken, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Arthur Whiting were also with the receiving party. Mrs. Thurber's gown was of black velvet with trimming of point lace and necklace of scarlet. Mrs. Goddard wore garnet velvet over a netting of colored tulle. The ladies were well arranged and graceful, and the ballet in the second act is unusually good. "Natty" will be repeated to-night and "Kismet" will be the bill for the remainder of the week.

American Composers' Concert.  
Potted plants, American flags and fragrant flowers lent their perfume and color last evening to make the pretty interior of Lincoln Music Hall more picturesque and attractive. The occasion was the first concert of purely American musical compositions, and the program was ably aided by a large and appreciative audience.

The programme was a long one and contained representative pieces, especially orchestral music. The orchestra was led by Mr. Arthur Whiting, who performed three selections from his work entitled "The Tempest." This constituted the finest presentation of the score since it was first conducted, a selection of his own composition, entitled "R. Carnegie," reminding one very much of the scenes in Rome.

Mr. Maud Powell was received most cordially and rendered a violin solo by Ruse. This number received a double recall. Paine's "Edipus Tyrannus" was conducted by the composer in person. The orchestra suffered nothing by the changes in conductors, but responded to the new leader with alacrity. The program was in all ways a success, and it is to be hoped it will encourage Mr. Whiting to continue his efforts in the same line. Several of the performers were recipients of handsome floral tributes from their friends and admirers.

"Little Lord Fauntleroy."  
The performance of "Little Lord Fauntleroy" at the National Theatre yesterday afternoon was particularly interesting from the fact that the role of Cedric Erol was taken by pretty Mary Maxwell. She is somewhat younger than Tommy Russell, but nevertheless is his equal in many parts of the play, and altogether seems to be a remarkably bright little actress.

Walter Edinger, who played the part of Tuesday evening, will be heard again to-night.

GROVER CLEVELAND WANTED.  
The Ex-President and the Ballot-Box Investigation.  
General Grover will request Chairman Spooner to call ex-President Cleveland in the ballot-box investigation, says the Washington correspondent of the New York *Herald*. This is because of the publication of the statement that Governor Campbell when in Congress urged him in the interest of promoting pure elections to use his influence with these moving the tariff bill in the House to give way long enough to allow the passage of the Wood Ballot-Box bill.

It has not been formally decided to summon Mr. Cleveland, but General Grover insists that, unless it does, there will always be an opportunity for those who chose to insist that the investigation was not thorough, and that, if Mr. Cleveland had testified, it would have disclosed Governor Campbell's active personal interest in the ballot-box scheme.

It is a question, even if Mr. Cleveland were called, whether he would be obliged to answer or not. Still, under the circumstances, he would probably yield the point in order, since a refusal might be wrongly construed to be a means of shielding Governor Campbell.

According to the statement of Mr. Alphonse Hart, Solicitor of Internal Revenue, to his friend the gentleman who approached him in regard to the Ballot-Box bill was Mr. E. C. Bass of Cincinnati. Mr. Hart says that after the election to the Forty-eighth Congress he was in Cincinnati, and while there Mr. Bass met him and said there had been an excellent ballot-box invention there and a bill providing for its use would likely come before Congress. Mr. Hart urged Mr. Hart to take it into his own hands.

General Cogswell, of Massachusetts, of the committee, desires to have summoned some gentleman in Cincinnati, whose name he has, who, it is claimed by his friends, is not a Governor. Foraker having the alleged contract, and advised him not to have it published. General Cogswell gives no more definite statement about his witness on the testimony he expects from him than this.

Not the Speaker.  
From the *Times* Express.  
Briggs—There is a great deal of nonsense written about a man being the head of the house, isn't there?

Briggs—It is all nonsense in my case, at least. I am merely chairman of the committee on appropriations.

How to Find Out Friends.  
One way for a man to find out how many friends he has is to put a billiard table in his house. A well-stocked billiard room and the number can be easily doubled.

SALVATION OIL will cure lumbago and backache. Try it at once. Price 25 cents a bottle.  
Attention—Look at your interest, save doctor bills by using Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

DIED.  
SUNDAY—Thursday, March 27, 1890, at 10 o'clock, Mrs. J. M. Seward, wife of J. M. Seward and the late Josephine A. Seward. Funeral private.

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## AMUSEMENTS.

"Natty" at Alhambra.  
The social attractions of last night did not prevent a crowded and fashionable audience from witnessing the initial performance of the bright and sparkling opera "Natty" at Alhambra. The Rudolph Aronson Opera Company never appeared to better advantage in this city and the production had all the dash and vim and brilliancy which usually characterize the operas that have scored at the New York Casino. The entire strength of the company was in the cast and the parts could not have been better taken. Pauline Hall made a charming Princess Stella, and sang her solos with all her bewitching grace and sweetness. George Dennis, as Natty, sang and danced her way into the hearts of the audience and proved herself one of the most versatile lads on the operatic stage. Her solo in the first act was twice encored, and her dancing as the premiere danseuse was enthusiastically applauded. James T. Powers, as Edipus, made friends with the audience by his clever funny "business," and received numerous recalls. John Brand as Robbery, Edwin Stevens as the Margrave and Charles J. Campbell as Count Barber, were heard to great advantage, and Eva Davenport scored a hit in the character of Angelina.

The scenery and costumes are very handsome, the former being that originally used by the Rudolph Aronson company, and the latter, the costumes are well arranged and graceful, and the ballet in the second act is unusually good. "Natty" will be repeated to-night and "Kismet" will be the bill for the remainder of the week.

Horrible Afraid at Boston Caused by a Husband's Jealousy.  
Boston, Mass., March 27.—Charles Kershaw, an Englishman, aged 35 years, made desperate by jealousy, last night murdered his young wife in cold blood at their home, No. 27 Melrose street, in the South End. They were poor, but respectable. The husband, a morose, reserved man, was never popular, but his wife, who was 25 years younger, was vivacious and liked company. Kershaw disliked this, but was particularly jealous of one of the male boarders in the Melrose house. He came home after having a scandal about his wife which maddened him. He found her lying on the bed, half dressed, reading, the days washing lying in the kitchen neglected. He ordered her to rise and clean things up. She said she would when she was ready. He turned away, saying, all right, he would shave himself, and got out his razor and mug.

The former he sharpened, and, stepping into the room, suddenly pounced upon the prostrate woman, and, forcing her head back, cut her throat clear to the spinal column. She did not scream, but in the struggle all her clothing was torn off. The murder was discovered, and going to that of a fellow-boarder named Charles Lovett, coolly said he had killed his wife. Lovett, an ex-policeman, carried the assassin to the station-house, where he confessed the crime, saying he was glad, and gave the above details.

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## REFUNDING DISTRICT BONDS.

Treasury Officials Say Congress Should Act Speedily in the Matter.

The officials of the District of Columbia sinking fund and funded debt office, in the Treasury building, called the attention of a *Critic* reporter this afternoon to the immediate necessity of Congress providing for the refunding of the District of 6 and 7 per cent. permanent improvement bonds. As yet Congress has made no move in this direction, and the above officials contend that action should be taken at once, as the refunding must be done during the present season, and the act of refunding requires considerable time and detail.

On July 1, 1891, the following bonds will be payable: Six per cent. permanent improvement bonds, \$2,880,050; 7 per cent. permanent improvement bonds, \$143,000—total \$3,023,050. The balances uninvested from the several sinking funds at the close of the year 1889, aggregate \$18,639.40. The sinking funds were established on the basis of an increase of 3.45 per cent. per annum, and, if this increase is maintained, the sinking fund will be: For fiscal year 1890, \$379,540.68; for 1891, \$383,400.13. Totals for investment to close of fiscal year 1891, \$762,940.81. It therefore appears, even if the whole amount could be invested in the bonds maturing in 1891, there would remain at that time over \$2,260,000 in maturing bonds to be refunded or otherwise provided for.

To provide for the refunding of these bonds the Treasury officials recommend that Congress authorize the issue of registered bonds to be sold at not less than their par value in the same manner as United States bonds are negotiated, the proceeds to be applied to the redemption of the bonds maturing in 1891-2. This is an important recommendation and the officials say it should receive the immediate attention of Congress.

BUTCHERED HIS YOUNG WIFE.

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